CLAIMS

1. A method in a wireless communications device, the method comprising:

pre-empting an active packet session with an event;

suspending operation of a dormancy timer initiated upon preemption of the active packet session;

re-starting the suspended dormancy timer upon completion of one of a service or application associated with the event pre-empting the active packet session.

- 2. The method of Claim 1, resuming the pre-empted packet session upon expiration of the dormancy timer after re-starting the dormancy timer.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, receiving a network control message with dormancy timer information before suspending the dormancy timer.
- 4. The method of Claim 3, starting the dormancy timer after receiving the network control message.

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5. The method of Claim 1,

pre-empting the active packet session with a pending voice call; re-starting the suspended dormancy timer upon completion of the voice call associated with pre-empting the packet session.

- 6. The method of Claim 5, receiving a page, conducting the voice call after receiving the page.
- 7. A method in a wireless communications device, the method comprising:

pre-empting an active packet session with an event;

suspending initiation of a dormancy timer that would otherwise be initiated after pre-emption of the packet session;

initiating the suspended dormancy timer upon completion of one of a service or application associated with the event pre-empting the active packet session.

8. The method of Claim 7, resuming the pre-empted packet session upon expiration of the dormancy timer initiated upon completion of

the service or application associated with the event pre-empting the active packet session.

- 9. The method of Claim 7, receiving a network control message with dormancy timer information before suspending the dormancy timer.
- 10. The method of Claim 9, starting the dormancy timer after receiving the network control message.
- 11. The method of Claim 7,

 pre-empting the active packet session with a pending voice call;

 re-starting the suspended dormancy timer upon completion of the voice call associated with pre-empting the packet session.
- 12. The method of Claim 11, receiving a page, conducting the voice call after receiving the page.

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13. A method in a wireless communications device, the method comprising:

suspending an active packet session of the wireless communication device;

suspending a dormancy timer after receiving the network control message.

14. The method of Claim 13, receiving a network control message,

suspending the active packet session of the wireless communication device in response to receiving the network control message.

15. The method of Claim 13,
receiving a page after receiving the network control message,
conducting a voice call after receiving the page, and
resuming the suspended dormancy timer after completing the
voice call.

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- 16. The method of Claim 13, suspending the dormancy timer includes suspending initiation of the dormancy timer otherwise started upon suspending the active packet session.
- 17. The method of Claim 13, suspending the dormancy timer includes suspending operation of a dormancy timer after the dormancy timer has stared.
 - 18. The method of Claim 13,

starting the dormancy timer upon completion of an event precipitating the suspension of the active packet session.